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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 10, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Thanh Do pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to receipt of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2). Do entered his guilty plea before United States District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan.

According to the court records, Do admitted that on or about June 30, 2006, he knowingly received images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including a file name that was of a known series of child pornography. He also admitted that he possessed over 600 images of minors, some as young as eleven years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other and admitted to engaging in the production of child pornography.

At the time of his arrest, Do was a computer science student at San Diego State University.

Sentencing for Do is scheduled for June 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Whelan.

This case stems from an investigation by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the

San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr2459-W

THANH DO

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) (Receipt of Child Pornography)

Maximum Penalty: 20 years' incarceration, mandatory minimum of 5 years' incarceration, \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

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